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Canyon road closed

Fort Huachuca officials closed the road in upper Garden Canyon to all traffic Tuesday afternoon because it is impassable for most vehicles. The road will remain closed until repairs can be completed.

An announcement will be made once the road is open to traffic.

Fort television special

Be sure to tune into the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) to see Fort Huachuca's own Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Green in the Arnold Shapiro production of "How the Army Changed My Life."

This "sneak preview" airs daily at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.; and is scheduled to be televised nationally early next year.

TSACS downtime today

The Directorate of Information Management is preparing to install a TRADOC firewall in the near future. As part of the preparation, a change of IP address for the local TSACS server must be configured.

The local TSACS server will be taken off-line at noon today for approximately 15 minutes. This will only affect those customers using the local TSACS number via modem. For information, call Julia Jones at 538-8427.

Town Hall Meeting set

Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, will conduct a Town Hall Meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday to address questions and areas of concern for the local community.

Persons interested in having a question answered or issue addressed can leave a voice message at 533-BOSS, e-mail townhall@hua.army.mil or fax 533-3496.

By 2nd Lt. Julie Larsen
Special to The Scout

The Fort Huachuca Housing Office will host the opening ceremony of "Thunder Mountain Village," the new soldiers barracks, at 10 a.m. Friday at Building 52136. The event is open to the public.

Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr., commanding general, will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will also be served immediately after the ceremony.

Construction on Thunder Mountain Village began in July 1998, and enlisted soldiers began moving into the barracks on Oct. 4. The complex has six new buildings, along with a Community Center.

Seven units currently have the privilege of living in the new barracks — Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion; 36th Army Band; 111 MI Brigade; HHC, U.S. Army Garrison; 504th Signal Bn.; and Medical Activity Command.

According to Master Sgt. Kevin Townsend, facility manager, these new barracks (as opposed to the substandard barracks most of these soldiers previously lived in) have top-of-the-line equipment and facilities.

When walking into the suites, visitors will immediately notice that they look just like apartments. They are furnished with hardwood furniture and offer a soldier privacy along with all the comforts of home. Each suite has cable and phone jacks, along with a high-speed Internet/DSN line.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Julie Larsen

The Fort Huachuca Housing Office will host the opening ceremony of Thunder Mountain Village, the new soldier barracks, at 10 a.m. Friday at Building 52136.

There are a total of 156 suites within the new complex. Of these, 132 are shared by two soldiers, include two private bedrooms and a shared kitchen and bathroom. Along with the suite, soldiers receive a caged storage area to hold all their extra equipment and essentials.

In addition, 24 suites house E5s and above only. These suites house one soldier and have a private living room, bedroom, kitchen, and bathroom.

The Community Center is manned 24 hours a day and is now the location of the Garrison Staff Duty Office.

The Community Center is the dayroom for the whole complex and consists of a full kitchen area and a laundry room with 21 energy- and water-saving washers and 30 dryers.

Not only can a soldier wash clothes in

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TRADOC commercial phone prefix changes today

By Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — A new commercial phone prefix — 788 — will replace all existing prefixes for most of the official commercial four-digit numbers on Fort Monroe at 5 p.m. today, according to officials at the post's Directorate of Information Management.

"As part of the post telephone switch upgrade, Fort Monroe will receive the capability to support approximately 500 additional official government telephone numbers, said Dave Messersmith, chief of Fort Monroe's DOIM operations division.

Messersmith said Verizon had no more numbers for the existing prefixes of 726, 727 and 728. One option was to obtain a fourth prefix from Verizon to add 500 new numbers. The second was to consolidate all the numbers under one prefix and still have

the capability of adding 500 new numbers.

"We felt consolidating into one 788 prefix made the most sense," he said.

Most four-digit numbers with a prefix of 726, 727 and 728 will have the new prefix. Those specific numbers for 726 are 6100 through 6899. For 727 they're 2000 through 4499 and 4520 through 4659. The 728 numbers are 5000 through 7999.

The switch to the 788 prefix will not affect family housing, where the residents order telephone service.

The area code will remain 757 and there will be no change to Fort Monroe's 680 Defense System's Network prefix, the installation's 1-800 and 1-877 numbers, and the Craven Health Clinic's 314 commercial prefix.

After today, a recorded message will run for three months to inform people who call the old prefixes of the change, Messersmith said.

The Scout’s Chaplain

I lost baby Jesus in Arizona wilderness

*By Chap. (Maj.) Ira Houck
111th MI Bde.*

On Sunday last, I was unpacking the Christmas ornament boxes. Mary, our youngest, loves this task and she searches for the Nativity set.

She found it buried in the box and with great excitement proceeded to arrange the set on a lamp stand. Helping her, I took the manger and baby Jesus outside to put cut, brown, dead grass in the manger and give it that realistic ‘straw-in-the-manger’ look.

I put the baby Jesus down in the grass moved off to gather the clippings in the little manger. Our Arizona grass turns almost white in winter. It looks like fine straw. As I gathered grass, a chaplain friend came by.

My friend admired the manger as I bent down to gather grass for the scene. We visited. We laughed and then he left. I then realized that in my distractions I had lost Jesus!

Where is Jesus? Oh, Jesus, I have lost you...Oh Lord, help me find Jesus. I went into a moment of panic. Lost Jesus?! What will Mary say?! I looked and looked.

The sun sets early in the mountains and I began to fear that Jesus was lost to me, lost in the wilderness. He would either never be found, or he would have to endure the coming night.

When darkness rolls in the wild animals come out of the mountains. The little

baby Jesus might get trampled by the wild hoofs of javelina, deer, bear, wolves, mountain lions, crows, roaming snails, wild owls, or suffer with winter winds and the like.

What was I to do? I lost Jesus. I could not tell anyone, so I kept looking alone, alone looking for Jesus. Time passed. Moments seemed like hours.

My eyes are older and it is more difficult to see things far away. I have to get closer to something to see the details of it. I realized that if I was going to find Jesus in the tall dead, grass, find Him in the wilderness around me, that I would have to get closer to the ground before darkness set in. So I got down on my knees and after a few sweeping glances I found the baby Jesus.

You see, I had to get down on my knees to find Jesus in my midst. He was right beside me all the time. On my knees I found Him, and you will, too.

This is a true, real life story, a Christmas story for anyone who has lost something or someone precious. Fear not. The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Lord is standing right beside you, right now.

Get down on your knees and you will find Him right beside you. The Spirit wants to help you find Jesus. You may have to take time to look more closely, look more deliberately, but you will find Him, or shall I say, you will be found by Him. God loves you and God is with you, now and always (MT. 7:7).

Commentary—Taken for granted

*By Maj. Daniel T. Williams
PAO, USAIC&FH*

A few years ago I received word from a colleague and fellow soldier that he was moving. My esteemed colleague told me he was moving on, changing jobs. He received orders to another assignment.

This colleague is someone I had counted on during the previous 18 months for advice, input, guidance and was a good shoulder for me to lean on.

When he told me it was time to move on I was excited for him yet deep inside I had a sinking feeling. I knew what this meant. As he takes this new position and moves to a new location I will no longer have him close by. I will no longer be able to reach out for his advice and encouragement.

In short I realized I had been taking our relationship for granted. I was resting in the fact that he would always be around for me to draw on.

I was content in the knowledge that I could always count on going to him with my woes and he would always be available for consultation.

The fact of the matter is that only one thing is really constant, change. This news about my friends pending move was a huge reminder to me of that truth.

Looking back over the previous 18 months, if I had known that I would only have this short time to be around this colleague I would probably have done a few things differently.

This scenario is very similar to life in general. Look around you at those

who are closest to you. Do you think for even a moment that these people will always be there?

Do you really believe that the pleasant situation you now enjoy will not change?

The reality is

that things will change.

I challenge all of us to take account of our relationships. Enjoy the people you are around. Savor the relationships that are dear to you.

Some day you will awaken to find that the people you have grown accustomed to, that you have taken for granted, are no longer there.

How sad it would be to find that you did not appreciate them while you could.

My friend and colleague did not die he just changed locations. I can still pick up the phone and speak to him — and I often do.

But this sudden change did cause me to ask myself, what am I taking for granted that I ought not to. I ask you to do the same.

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Maj. Daniel T. Williams

Letter to the Editor

Reader questions Scout on lack of historical war coverage

Dear Fort Huachuca Scout:

Does Dec. 4th ring a bell?? As an avid reader of your paper I couldn’t help but notice a lack of any article or mention of that dreadful day in Dec 1941 (the bombing of Pearl Harbor). As a combat veteran (Desert Storm), I find it disheartening that our own Post newspaper finds the sacrifice of those men and women unimportant. If the press and others spent less time bashing [Chief of Staff of the Army] Gen. [Eric K.] Shinseki’s vision of our future Army and focus on stories that bring our nation together. Then maybe words like selfless service, duty, honor and country would

mean more to our young soldiers. Lets see if your next copy can get it right...not that many people care about cheap firewood!!

Thank you.
*Staff Sgt. John M. McCarty
Career Counselor, 111th Military Intelligence Bde.*

Dear Staff Sgt. McCarty:

Thank you for being an avid reader of *The Fort Huachuca Scout* newspaper.

In response to your question, “does Dec. 4th ring a bell?”

I have to assume you are referring to the Dec. 7 bombing of Pearl Harbor, a “date which will live in infamy.”

The bombing of Pearl Harbor is national news. *The Fort Huachuca Scout* is a local command information publication governed by Army Regulation 360-1. (I have it in PDF format if you’d like me to send it to you.)

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Health Center flu vaccine depleted for time being

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

Effective immediately, Phase I of the influenza vaccination program at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center is over.

The current supply of influenza vaccinations is depleted.

When a new supply of vaccine is available, information will be put to the public through local media outlets, the Fort Huachuca Scout, and the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center flu hotline at 533-5127.

Vaccinations are available for medical beneficiaries of Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center only.

Legal assistance now online

OSJA release

The Legal Assistance Office invites the Fort Huachuca community to use its newly revised web site.

The web site includes office hours, a list of our services, and information in many different areas of law.

Viewers can now get information on tax issues, divorce, adoption, child support, wills and other estate planning issues, credit reports, consumer fraud, bankruptcy, garnishments, OER/NCOER appeals, reports of survey, and immigration, just to name a few topics.

The Legal Assistance Office can be reached at 533-2009 to schedule an appointment, but remember that the information you need may be just a click away.

Visit us at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/usag/sja/legalassistance/>.

Local artwork displayed in post library

By Natalie Danforth
Reference Librarian

The artwork of local artists Betty Goble and Irene Bates is now on display in the Fort Huachuca Library.

Recently featured in the November 2000 special issue of “American Artist,” the two have collaborated in an exhibit of their works in the library through at least mid-January.

This is the first of a series of art exhibits to be displayed in the library throughout the coming year. The work of Sue Becque, also a local artist, is next on the display schedule.

Goble, formerly a graphic artist at Fort Huachuca, works where a tack room once stood on her property in Hereford. Her New York based architect son, Blake, designed her studio where she works with watercolor, pastels, and mixed media. Pictures of her studio and her work can be found at www.irenebatesstudio.com/betty.htm

Bates, a neighbor of Goble, is displaying her sculpture

and paintings in a variety of media. She and her husband, Norm, turned an old barn on their property into her studio. Pictures of her studio and her work can be found at www.irenebatesstudio.com.

The light and subjects of the Southwest inspire both artists. Look for the blue javelina as you come in the library. All are invited to view the exhibit. You do not need to be a Fort Huachuca resident to visit the library.

Artists or photographers who would like to display their work at the library should call Natalie Danforth, Public Services Librarian, at 533-3041.

The Fort Huachuca Library is located at the corner of Smith Avenue and Arizona Street, next to the Main Chapel, down the street from the Burger King.

The library is open Monday through Saturday. It opens at 10:30 a.m. and closes at 6:30 p.m. It is open on Mondays and Tuesdays until 7:30 p.m. The library is closed on government holidays.

For more information, call (520) 533-3041.

Tax Center to open Jan. 16 for military ID card holders

By Capt. Robert A. Fellrath
Officer in Charge, SJA Tax Center

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate Tax Center will open for full operation at 8:30 a.m., Jan. 16, 2001.

The Tax Center will be open to the public Jan. 16 through April 14, 2001. Note: April 15 is a Sunday and the Tax Center will not be open.

The Tax Center will be located in the back of the Public Affairs Office, Building 21115 on Adair Avenue.

The Tax Center offers tax preparation assistance and electronic filing to all active duty personnel, retirees, members of the Reserve and National Guard currently on active duty orders in excess of 29 days, and the family members of active duty personnel and retirees who have valid military identification cards.

Federal law requires all taxpayers that have taxable

income greater than the sum of their individual exemption and the standard deduction to file returns. Even if the IRS owes you money, you must file a tax return. With the credits and deductions available to lower income filers, the chances are very good the IRS owes you money.

When you do decide to file, the tax center can assist you in filing an electronic return, which will allow you to receive your tax refund by direct deposit in just ten to fourteen days. Visiting the center saves you the time and effort of preparing your own taxes. Unlike commercial tax preparation services, the Tax Center service is free.

To prepare your return, Tax Center personnel will need at least your W-2 forms, social security numbers for you and your family, and your bank account number for electronic refund deposits. Also, be sure to bring your December 2000 leave and earning statement.

Kudos Korner

Fort voice is Civilian of Month

Tanja M. Linton, Media Relations Officer, Garrison Public Affairs Office, was named the November Civilian of the Month.

Linton is recognized for her excellence in media relations for the United States Army Intelligence Center & Fort Huachuca.

As the voice of Fort Huachuca, Linton has written over 150 press releases for activities and events on post that resulted in over 2,400 stories in a variety of local, Tucson, and Phoenix newspapers. Her releases have also been used as free air coverage in local and Tucson radio and television broadcasts.

She took upon herself the responsibility of a weekly call-in radio show and the bi-weekly “Morning Harold” talk show.

Linton’s media campaign of “all Huachuca, all the time” in representing the post through newspapers, radio and television has resulted in a positive local opinion about Fort Huachuca’s water conservation and environmental practices.

“I believe that everyday Fort

Huachuca will do something or has something that is appealing to others off post,” Linton said.

“I’m determined to make the messages about our training, our environmental efforts and achievements, and our water conservation accomplishments available to the local, Tucson and Phoenix media. If we tell the story, it will be the right story.”

Linton was recognized at the Military Affairs Committee monthly luncheon Dec. 6. She receives the use of a car for one month from Lawley Chevrolet; gift certificates from Sierra Vista merchants; a desk plaque from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center; a Morale, Welfare and Recreation certificate for Jeanie’s Diner; a wall plaque from the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce; and her name, as Civilian of the Month, posted at the Main Gate.

Other nominations included Ruth E. Kline, USAMEDDAC; Aurelia Myers, USAIC&FH, DIS; Eugene B. Gross, USASC; and Avelardo A. Gil, 111th MI Bde.

Nominate your deserving employee for Fort Huachuca Civilian of the Month. Per FH Reg 690-5, all permanent appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund employees

are eligible with the exception of employees officially assigned as supervisors (GS-10 and above) and senior executive service personnel. For information, call Theresa Fuimaono, CPAC, at 533-5282.

Fort names NCO of Month

11th Signal Brigade’s forward platoon’s team chief, Sgt. Antwon L. Davis, is Fort Huachuca’s Noncommissioned Officer of the month. Davis is originally from Kinston, N.C. where he graduated Kinston High School in 1995.

Davis joined the Army in June of 1995 as a 31S. He completed Basic Training at Fort Jackson, S.C. and finished Advanced Individual Training at Fort Gordon, Ga.

In his five years of service he has done an overseas tour in Korea and, completed the Primary Leadership Development Course and drivers training.

He arrived at Fort Huachuca in November of 1999. He has been awarded one Army Commendation Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, and a Good Conduct Medal.

Davis’ family includes his wife, Latoya, and his daughter Alexis. He loves to write and plans to soon be a senior NCO.

Signal claims Soldier of Month

Communications security clerk, Spc. Jeff M. Henson, is Fort Huachuca’s Soldier of the Month.

Henson currently works in the 11th Signal Brigade’s headquarters where he assists in communications security management.

Henson is originally from Jonesboro, Ark. where he graduated from Jonesboro High School. He joined the Army in September of 1998 as a 74 C.

After Basic Training at Fort Leonardwood, Mo., he completed Advanced Individual Training at Fort Gordon, Ga.

In Henson’s two years of service, he has completed drivers training and acclaims training. His family includes his wife Johanna, and two daughters, Sarah and Anna.

Henson has a strong interest in history and enjoys reading about and visiting historical places. He is also an avid hiker and weightlifter.

In the future he plans to become a noncommissioned officer, and later attend Officer Candidate School and Airborne School.

State Route 90 construction completed

By Pat Dillingham
Editorial Assistant

Two years and \$42 million later, the construction on State Route 90 between Interstate 10 and Sierra Vista is finally complete. This milestone was celebrated Nov. 30 with a ceremony at Kartchner Caverns State Park attended by nearly 150 local, county and state officials.

Arizona Department of Transportation Director, Mary Peters, said this has been the largest single road construction project in southeastern Arizona since the completion of I-10. She, along with other speakers at the event, stressed the importance of the new highway to the people of Cochise County in areas of both safety and economic development.

The recent impetus for completion of the highway project was the projected opening of Kartchner Caverns State Park in Nov. 1999. However, the need for an improved highway was noted as far back as 20 years ago, when local officials began petitioning the state for improvements to then-two lane Highway 90.

The 23 miles of new highway have been designed to accommodate 18,000 vehicle trips per day. "The widespread interest in Kartchner Caverns and the tremendous growth of the communities in this area have created a huge increase in travel," said Ron Casper, Safford District Engineer for ADOT.

Calling this corridor "a road of regional significance," Rene Redondo, of Granite Construction Company, one of the contractors who built the new road, said it enhances the economic viability of the area and improves the quality of life of area residents by providing a safer route for commuters between Sierra Vista, Fort Huachuca, and Benson.



Photo by Master Sgt. LaToya E. Sizer

See SAW shoot

Cpl. Alvaro Gualotuna and Staff Sgt. Michael Stevens, Range Control, demonstrate the proper way to disassemble and assemble the squad automatic weapon. Gualotuna and Stevens provided the training to the 86th Signal Battalion one day before the battalion's SAW qualification and transition range that took place Dec. 5.

Fort supports FTC's "Cooling Off" rule for contract cancellations

Legal Assistance Office release

Have you ever felt that you were talked into an expensive, unplanned purchase and wished that you could cancel the sale?

In most cases, you cannot change your mind. But if you made the purchase from a door-to-door salesperson, the Federal Trade Commission's "Cooling-Off" rule may give you three days to change your mind.

The rule only applies to leases, rentals, or purchases of consumer goods or services with a purchase price of \$25 or more, made away from the seller's regular place of business, and in which the seller personally solicits the sale.

Under the FTC rule, the salesperson must inform you of your cancellation rights at the time you agree to the sale. If a salesperson tells you that you can cancel by telephone, don't believe them. The only way to cancel is by written notice.

The salesperson must also give you two copies of a cancellation form (one to keep and one to send), and a copy of your contract or receipt. The contract or receipt should be dated, show the name and address of the seller, and explain your right to cancel.

Fort Huachuca policy does not allow door-to-door sales of any type. That may not stop an unscrupulous salesperson from selling door-to-door on post anyway.

If you live on post and are approached at home by a door-to-door salesperson, call the Military Police immediately. If a sales-

person calls you at home and asks if they can come over to talk with you, do not let them. This is an attempt to get around Fort Huachuca's policy.

Despite the Fort Huachuca policy, some soldiers or their family members still end up making purchases to which the FTC's "Cooling-Off" rule applies.

How to cancel

To cancel the sale, sign and date one copy of the cancellation form. Then mail or hand deliver it to the address given for cancellation any time before midnight of the third business day after the contract date. Keep the other copy for your records.

Proof of the mailing date and proof of receipt are important, so consider sending the cancellation form by certified mail so that you can obtain a return-receipt.

Keep in mind that the cancellation must reach the seller by midnight of the third day. Merely putting a letter in the mail by the third day is not enough.

If you are not given cancellation forms, you can write your own cancellation letter or telegram. Remember to send it within three business days, preferably by certified mail. Also, let the FTC know that you were not given the required cancellation forms.

You do not have to give any explanation of any kind for canceling. Under the law, it is your right to change your mind.

Keep in mind that this is the only way

that you can cancel a contract. Regardless of what the salesperson tells you, the only way to cancel is to use the written cancellation notice.

Where the rule applies

The rule applies not only to sales made in your home, but also to sales made anywhere other than the seller's normal place of business.

For example, it applies to consumer product "parties" and sales in private homes, hotel rooms, or restaurants.

The rule also applies if you invite a merchant into your home or into someone else's home, or if you meet on a street corner. In all these cases, you still have the cancellation rights.

Seller's responsibilities

If you cancel your purchase, the merchant must, within ten days:

- cancel and return any papers you signed;
- refund your money and tell you whether any product left with you will be picked up; and
- return any trade-in.

Within twenty days, the merchant must either pick up the items left with you, or, if you agree to send back the items, reimburse you for mailing expenses.

Some exceptions

You do not have three days to cancel all types of contracts. The "Cooling-Off"

rule does not cover sales that:

- are made at the seller's regular place of business;
- are made totally by mail or phone;
- are under \$25;
- are for real estate, insurance, or securities; or
- are for emergency home repairs.

State law protection

In addition to the FTC regulations, many states have their own door-to-door solicitation statutes which provide at least as much protection for the customer as the FTC regulations, and frequently even better protection. Some states, for example, even allow you to cancel telephone sales.

Avoid problems, shop carefully

The three-day "Cooling-Off" rule helps you protect yourself if you change your mind about a purchase made at home. However, your best bet is to take your time and make sure you really want what you are buying before you sign the contract.

(Editor's note: This overview is intended to provide general information, and is not intended to be relied upon as a substitute for legal or financial advice. As always, consult with an attorney for advice on your particular circumstances.)

Active duty soldiers and their dependents can make appointments with an attorney by calling Fort Huachuca's Legal Assistance Office at 533-2009. Legal advice cannot be given over the phone.)

2 soldiers join SAMC; civilian earns Walker award

Members to bid farewell to MI Corps’ CSM

*By Master Sgt. LaToya E. Sizer
NCOIC, USAIC&FH Public Affairs*

Two 11th Signal Brigade soldiers will be inducted into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club, and one civilian will receive the Dr. Mary E. Walker award at 2:30 p.m. Friday during an induction ceremony in the Greely Hall Auditorium

Staff Sgt. Victor V. Strange III, 69th Signal Company, 504th Signal Battalion, and Sgt. Giovanna Palmer-Feliciano, Company A, 40th Signal Bn., will be inducted into the SAMC.

Paula Carrington, wife of Col. William A. Carrington, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade commander, will receive the Dr. Mary E. Walker award.

In addition to the induction ceremony, SAMC members will bid farewell to Command Sgt. Maj. Scott C. Chunn, MI Corps sergeant major.

This will be Chunn’s last SAMC ceremony before he retires.

Sgt. Audie Murphy Club

Members of the SAMC are committed to taking care of soldiers.

The club was named for the most decorated soldier of World War II, Audie Leon Murphy. Murphy was the highest decorated soldier in American history.

He was a legend in his own time: a war hero, movie actor, country-and-western song

writer, and poet.

On his 18th birthday he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Army training commanders wanted to make him a cook or clerk, but Murphy insisted on an infantry assignment. In 1943, he was shipped overseas as a member of Company B, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.

He fought in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany and was decorated after nearly every battle, receiving just about every U.S. medal, including the Medal of Honor, and several medals from other countries.

He died in a private plane crash on May 28, 1971 in the mountains overlooking Roanoke, Va.

His body was recovered two days later ... on Memorial Day.

He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

Dr. Mary E. Walker Award

The Dr. Mary E. Walker award is a reward for Army spouses whose achievements and performance merit special recognition.

The DRMEW award is a means of recognizing those who have contributed significantly to the quality of life for soldiers, exemplifying personal concern for the needs, training, development and welfare of soldiers and concern for families of soldiers.

Walker is the only woman in U.S. history to receive the Medal of Honor. She was a humanitarian devoted to the care and treatment of the sick and wounded during the Civil War, often at the risk of her own life.

Reenlistments

The following Fort Huachuca soldiers reenlisted during the month of November.

111th Military Intelligence Brigade

Staff Sgt. Lon Wayne Ruble, A Co., 305th MI Battalion
Sgt. First Class Markey T. Young, B Co., 305th MI Bn.
Sgt. First Class Luis A. Rivera, E Co., 305th MI Bn.
Sgt. ChavezGonzalez, E Co., 305th MI Bn.
Spec. Jason S. Snodgrass, E Co., 305th MI Bn.
Spec. Joshua J. Rodunardt, E Co., 305th MI Bn.

112th Military Intelligence Brigade

Staff Sgt. David S. Naze, Noncommissioned Officers Academy
Sgt. First Class Denis L. Corder, Sr., A Co., 306th MI Bn.
Sgt. Grace Y. Bermudez, A Co., 306th MI Bn.
Master Sgt. Kristine M. Sleighter, B Co., 304th MI Bn.

Sgt. Jessica L. Vincent, B Co., 304th MI Bn.

U.S. Army Garrison

Spec. Joy Manda Allison, HHC, USAG
Spec. Walter T. Hoffman, 18th Military Police Detachment

11th Signal Brigade

Sgt. Zakiyyah Marshall, HHC, 86th Signal Bn.
Spec. Charles G. Stalter, HHC, 86th Signal Bn.
Spec. Sarah E. Tagauyn, HHC, 86th Signal Bn.
Spec. Somalia Ulis, HHC, 86th Signal Bn.
Spec. David E. Farmer II, A Co., 86th Signal Bn.
Spec. Ian Keyk Wrin, A Co., 86th Signal Bn.
Spec. Paul E. Henderson, C Co., 86th Signal Bn.
Spec. Bryan Jay Minter, D Co., 86th Signal Bn.
Sgt. Michael A. Hayden II, 269th Signal Co., 86th Signal Bn.

Sgt. Timothy M. Ahlman, HHC 40th Signal Bn.
Sgt. Jermai Cunningham, HHC 40th Signal Bn.
Spec. Robert L. Reisner, HHC 40th Signal Bn.
Sgt. Jason C. Walker, A Co., 40th Signal Bn.
Sgt. Marion Johnson, B Co., 40th Signal Bn.
Spec. Damon J. Ivey, B Co., 40th Signal Bn.
Spec. Kenyatta Colbert, C Co., 40th Signal Bn.
Master Sgt. Sandra Grier, D Co., 40th Signal Bn.
Spec. Rollie Anderson, D Co., 40th Signal Bn.
Spec. James A. Smith, D Co., 40th Signal Bn.
Spec. Zdunowski, D Co., 40th Signal Bn.
Sgt. Laquyin N. Freeman, 19th Signal Co., 504th Signal Bn.
Sgt. Donovan T. Holden, 19th Signal Co., 504th Signal Bn.
Sgt. Richard T. Reddick, 19th Signal Co., 504th Signal Bn.
Spec. Russell W. Wetzel, 19th Signal Co., 504th Signal Bn.
Spec. Steve M. Cancino, 69th Signal Co., 504th Signal Bn.
Sgt. First Class Clayton G. Morris, 69th Signal Co., 504th Signal Bn.
Sgt. Luka G. Franklin, 69th Signal Co., 504th Signal Bn.

Pets of the Week



Veterinary Clininc photos

This is “Rascal” an orange, young adult male cat. He is very friendly and loves to cuddle. The adoption fee is \$40 and includes neutering, all vaccines, microchip and a leukemia test.

All animals are available between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Fort Huachuca Vet Clinic. For information, call 533-0476.



This is “Boo-Boo” an eight month old, female black chow. She was abused and needs the stability of a loving home. She is a very sweet dog. The adoption fee is \$50 and includes spaying, all vaccines, microchip and a heartworm test.

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efits (Chapter 31).

A representative from this office will be providing this briefing at 9-11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Army Career and Alumni Program Center, Building 22420.

The ACAP Center is located adjacent to the Military Clothing Sales Store in the Old Post area. For more information, call 459-6579.

Army hosts blood drives

The American Red Cross is preparing for the holiday season with at least two more blood drives on Fort Huachuca.

A blood drive will be held at the Murr Community Center on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center will sponsor a blood drive, Dec. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the health center.

Make an appointment to help save lives by calling Michael Shedlock at 533-5163. T-shirts will be available at the drive, so come out and given an early holiday present to someone in need.

Last Scout of year

The Fort Huachuca Scout will print its last newspaper for the year 2000 on Dec. 21. There will be no papers printed on Dec. 28 or Jan. 4, 2001. Normal printing will resume on Jan. 11, 2001. The deadline for items for the Dec. 21 issue is noon, Friday. The deadline for the Jan. 11, 2001 issue is noon, Jan. 5, 2001.

TAP closed for holidays

The Turn Around Point, located in Building 52406, will be closed Dec. 22-Jan. 8, 2001. Normal operating hours 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, will resume on Jan. 9, 2001. The TAP is in need of donations of boys clothing in all sizes, winter coats, blankets, cookware and utensils.

For information, or to make a donation contact either Hattie Barnett, 458-6360; or Linda Kerchief, 452-8305.

Commissary closed

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will be closed on Dec. 26 in observance of Christmas holiday.

Community Updates

Hatfield traffic improves

There was one accident reported on Hatfield Street, between Arizona and Irwin streets since the no left turn restrictions were put in place. This is a good turn around in the accident rate for this stretch of roadway.

Also, traffic signs warning motorist of the change in traffic control devices will be removed from Hatfield after Friday. The Arizona Department of Transportation required the temporary signs to remain in-place for 30 days following the change to traffic flow.

Construction on BST

The City of Sierra Vista and FNF Construction began construction on Monday on Phase II of the Buffalo Soldier Trail widening project, starting with some of the initial grading work and culvert extensions.

BST will be widened and improved from 7th Street north to State Route 90 Bypass. The four-lane roadway will be extended from 7th Street to Busby Drive, providing two southbound and two northbound lanes and dual left turn lanes as traffic approaches Fry Blvd. at the main gate of Fort Huachuca, and four lanes from Fry Blvd. to State Route 90 Bypass.

The roadwork will continue through most of December. Use caution and obey all traffic control devices/instructions when traveling through the area.

EEO seeks special managers

The Equal Employment Opportunity Special Emphasis Program Committee is looking for energetic and dynamic volunteers to assist in the management of two important collateral positions, in the Asian-Pacific and Native American/Alaskan Native Program.

Monthly requirement would be attendance at SEPC meetings held every second Tuesday, at 2:30 p.m. at the EEO Office Conference Room. This would be an excellent opportunity to interface w/ employees in a very diverse workplace.

To volunteer, call Joan Street, EEO SEP Manager, at 538-0276 or e-mail streetj@huachuca-emh1.army.mil.

Tax volunteers needed

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is seeking volunteers to help provide income tax filing services for this years tax filing program. The IRS will be conducting training at Fort Huachuca Jan. 8-12, 2000 which will include all of the changes from the previous year.

The training and tax filing program services include electronic and mail-in-form income tax return filings. Training will be conducted for both. To volunteer, call Capt. Kinsley or Ms. Edwards at 533-2009.

DOIM classes set

The Directorate of Information Management is sponsoring the following com-

puter courses for the month of December: Intermediate MS Access*, today; and Advanced MS Access*, Friday. (*These classes must be taken sequentially Dec. 12-15.)

December finishes with MSProject 2000, Monday; Excel Basic+, Dec. 27; and Excel Intermediate, Dec. 28. (+This class is a prerequisite.)

These courses are free and are offered to all active duty/reserve military personnel and their spouses, civilians and contractors employed on Fort Huachuca. For more information, call the DOIM Training Center at 533-2868.

Range closures

Today	AL, T1, T1A, T2
Friday	AL, AM, AN, T1, TA1, T2
Saturday	No Closures
Sunday	No Closures
Monday	AI, AL, AR, T1, T1A, T2
Tuesday	AI, AL, AM, AR
Wednesday	AR, AL, AR, T1, T1A, T2
Dec. 21	AL, AW,
Dec. 22-26	No Closures
Dec. 27	T1, T1A, T2
Dec. 28	AL, AW
Dec. 29	AM
Dec. 30-Jan. 3	No Closures
Jan. 4	AF, AL, AW
Jan. 5	AL, T1, T1A, T2
Jan. 6	AG, AL, AW, T1, T1A, T2
Jan. 7	AG, AL, AW, T1, T1A, T2

For questions regarding the closure of ranges please call Range Control at 533-7095.

Holiday closures

Today

The Directorate of Installation Support will be closed 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For emergencies, call 533-2623.

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will be closed 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The Directorate of Resource Management will be closed 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

The U.S. Army Information Systems Engineering Command will be closed 11:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Friday

The Public Affairs Office will be closed from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The TSM-Prophet office will be closed 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The following Adjutant General Directorate offices will be at minimum staffing 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.:Casualty Office, Personnel Automation, Student Processing, ID Card Section and Transition Point.

All other AGD offices will be closed during this time. In the event of an emergency, call the Casualty Office at 533-1385 or 533-2229.

All of the Directorate of Information Management’s facilities will be temporarily closed 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The following emergency phone numbers will apply during this period of temporary closure:

Emergency Service	Number
E-Mail, Network Access, DMS, AUTODIN	417-6219
Telephone, Cable Cuts	507-8410
Automated Classrooms	417-6629
	803-4011
	803-4486

Official Mail & Distribution	378-5461
All Other Emergencies	(520) 909-0413
	1-888-971-8522
	378-5461

RWBAHC clinics will close at noon. The main pharmacy and the PX pharmacy will close at 3:30 p.m. The Prime Time Clinic will be open noon-8 p.m. for acute care appointments.

Monday

The TSM-Prophet Office will be closed 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday

The Defense Military Pay Office and In/Out Processing will be closed for the afternoon.

Wednesday

The Army Career and Alumni Program Center will be closed 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Dec. 21

The Electronic Proving Ground will be closed all day.

Old Crows meet

The Association of Old Crows, Cochise Chapter, will host its monthly luncheon, 11:30 a.m., today at La Hacienda’s Main Ball Room. Retired Col. William Gardener will speak on the history of special electronic-mission aircraft.

Tickets are \$7.50 for the German buffet, salad, beverage and gratuity. Make reservations no later than Tuesday. For reservations call Dick Mortensen at 533-5776, Gene Frantz at 533-2331 or Bill Meyer at 458-7070.

This luncheon is open to the public and is sponsored and supported by the Association of Old Crows.

IS operation brief

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will conduct a briefing 10-11:30 a.m. today concerning the Legal Issues of Information Systems Operation. The briefing is in the Greely Hall Auditorium. This briefing is open to anyone interested in attending.

Huachuca on Harold

Tune in to Fort Huachuca’s organizations, missions and personalities by setting your dial to KTAN 1420 AM. The “Morning Harold” sets aside one half hour for an in-depth look at what’s happening on post just after 7 a.m. on scheduled Fridays every month.

Upcoming programs include 1st Lt. Ronna Winn, nutritionist at the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center, Friday; and Angela Moncur, editor of The Scout newspaper, Dec. 22.

To showcase your organization’s missions, accomplishments or events on the “Morning Harold,” contact Pat Dillingham at 533-1850 or dillinghamp@hua.army.mil.

Federal jobs workshop

The Fort Huachuca Army Career and Alumni Program is offering a monthly Federal Jobs Workshop on Friday.

The workshop covers how to find out about federal job vacancies, how to apply, what forms to use, how selections are made, federal pay scales, veterans preference, and the types of civil service appointments.

The Resumix scannable resume used to apply for jobs at Fort Huachuca will be explained in detail.

Workshops are held in the ACAP Center, Building 22420 (next to the Military Clothing Sales) in the Old Post area. No reservation is necessary.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Thom Hapgood at 533-7314.

Youth b-ball registration

The Parks and Leisure Services will be taking Youth Basketball Program Registration 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday in the Fort Huachuca Youth Center. Program will be coed and is open to youths, ages 5 to 15 years old (as of Dec. 31, 2000).

The registration fee is \$50 per participant. Credit cards can only be accepted at the Oscar Yrun Community Center. A copy of child’s birth must be presented at time of registration. For more information, call 458-7922.

Chapel Christmas production

Kino Gospel Service invites the community to their Christmas production, “Bethlehem Big Night,” Saturday, at 4 p.m. at Murr Community Center.

This dramatic, musical production is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Gina Nixon at 803-6819.

Pharmacy holiday hours

The Post Exchange pharmacy will be closed Monday through Jan. 2, 2001. All refills called in during this time must be picked up at the main pharmacy in Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center.

The main pharmacy will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 2001; and open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, 2001.

Both pharmacies will resume normal hours Jan. 3, 2001.

For information, call Sgt. Jose Castillo at 533-2520.

Pregnancy PT break

The Pregnancy PT program for soldiers (PT including education classes) will not be conducted Monday-Jan. 2, 2001. PT will resume on Jan. 3, 2001.

DTAP briefings

The Department of Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Office in Sierra Vista is providing Disabled Transition Assistance Program briefings for individuals interested in applying for vocational rehabilitation

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School News

Col. Johnston Elementary School

Our volunteer of the month for November was Melanie Sholl. She clocked in over 30 hours. Total hours for November were 395 bringing total hours to 1457.5.

Students of week are Mary Bulger, Brandi Brown, Timothy Pilley, Katelyn Rumph, Ian Kemp, Jacob Bell, Keyara Taylor, Tatiana McDowell, Shane Boardman, Joshua Porter and Madea Gbortor.

Richard Gere's class was busy making "Stone Soup" on Friday.

Stephanie Buros' students are busy with new "sight words," spelling lists, and addition in math. Report card assessment for the second quarter is fast approaching. On Dec. 22 the class will have a small celebration.

Donna Beck's class has been busy. They are continuing the reading program and investing more time in math. This month will be dedicated to learning about different cultures and customs of the Christmas season.

The class would love to have volunteers come share their traditions and holiday experiences with them.



Johnston School photo

Nellie Brant, first grade teacher at Johnston Elementary School is helping her student Eliciana Delgado and Henry Bos' third grade student, Jennifer Kim complete their Acrostic Poetry Activity.



Johnston School photo

Donna Beck's class at Johnston Elementary School finished the pictures for their "Thankful Quilt." Parent helper Fawn Perez, helps her daughter Ayesha finish tacking down the last corner of her square. Classroom aide, Milly Rivera assists Jaimz Wherry in starting his needle through the material to tack his square. The quilt will be given to the Women's Crisis Center in Sierra Vista.

Mindy Lee's students are learning a new technique in building words. They build words on the board, on their own paper, and using their bodies as letters of the alphabet.

Nellie Brant's class had a terrific time at their outing in Fairbanks. Parent helpers Sherri Williams, Tammy Bosse, Audra Parker, James Anderson, Gertrud West and Danele Douglas made this trip possible.

In math the class is starting to explore measurement and is beginning a mini writer's workshop to develop creative story writing. The class partners with Henry Bos' third-grade class every Tuesday afternoon.

Evelyn Harris continues to use Parent Link to keep parents apprised of weekly events — 515-0293 ext. 3230, 3231, 3232, 3239 to leave a message. Reading is the order of the day for this multi-age class.

Col. Smith Middle School

The Smith Middle School Drama Club, directed by Phyllis Gerben, will present its winter performance on Dec. 21 at 11:20 a.m. and 12:50 p.m. in the school gym. This season marks the first drama with the performance of the classic horror story, "The Monkey's Paw," by W.W. Jacobs and adapted by Harriet Dexter.

Brenda Epps finally got her chance to soar on Dec. 8 when the long awaited balloon ride finally took place. Seventh-grade students Melanie Retzel and Taylor Hinson joined Epps.

The three were the winners of a raffle sponsored by the Students Against Destructive Decisions. Grant Hickman piloted the ReMax balloon. The Panther Band provided seasonal music during the preparation and lift off.

Gen. Myer Elementary School

Magellan Running Club announced that Myer students ran 761 miles for the five-day period and have a total of 12,236 miles for the year.



Smith School photos

Brenda Epps, Melanie Retzel and Taylor Hinson, winners in a Students Against Destructive Decisions raffle, joined Grant Hickman for the hot air balloon ride originally scheduled for mid-October.



Melanie Retzel and Taylor Hinson help get the balloon ready to launch.

Marsha Hamric and Jennifer Winterfeld are hosting reindeer games in the library. The classes are competing to see whose reindeers will get to pull Santa's sleigh. The first nine classes to turn in all their library books before Christmas will receive the honor of pulling Santa's sleigh.

Terri Aguon and Anita Ladensack's resource rooms will have their Christmas activity on Dec. 19. "The Night Before Christmas" will be read in several languages.

Maureen Brady's art students are starting a unit on color.

Kayla Walker was awarded a \$50 gift certificate from "Play It Again Sports," and Marco Guerrero won a pizza party from Pizza Hut as part of Tucson's "Goal-Getter Program."

Fourth- and fifth-grade peer mediators celebrated Christmas with holiday music and art decoration projects.

On Tuesday, Joy Mims and Allison Spencer's kindergarten classes will be having a musical program in their rooms. The morning class will have its program at 9:30 a.m., and the afternoon class at 1:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, the beginning band will



Grant Hickman piloted the ReMax balloon.

perform in the school gym at 1:30 p.m. All kindergarten classes will have a craft day.

On Dec. 21, there will be a citizenship assembly at 12:45 p.m. in the school gym.

Dec. 22 is the end of the second quarter and is an early-out day for all students. Morning kindergarten classes will end at 10 a.m., and afternoon kindergarten will be dismissed at 12:20 p.m.

All fourth- and fifth-graders will get out at 12:30 p.m., and the school office will close at 1 p.m. Parents can pick up records as early as Dec. 21, but no later than Dec. 22, at 1 p.m.

Dual military marital bliss that’s comfy as a ‘Couch’

By Master Sgt. LaToya E. Sizer
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

An old adage says opposites attract, but that’s not what you’ll find in Jeff Couch and his wife Lisa Boissonneau-Couch. They have so much in common that those who don’t know them, might mistake them for high school sweet-hearts or maybe even fraternal twins.

They dress alike. Each don the Army’s camouflaged battle dress uniform every day – five, sometimes six days a week. When not in BDU, they’re sporting the physical fitness uniform or some other form of athletic gear.

Both possess Type “A” personalities. They’re outgoing, outspoken and could talk non-stop for hours to each other or anyone else. In conversation, one could mistake either for mind readers, since they often complete each other’s sentences. Maybe it’s because they’re a pair of military intelligence specialists.

They’re both top-notch non-commissioned officers who are devoted to the Army’s calling. Jeff sacrifices up to 16 hours a day coaching, mentoring and taking care of soldiers in his company, while Lisa contributes the same amount of time doing equal tasks – just slightly differently. He does it as an initial entry training first sergeant. She does it as an IET drill sergeant. The only differences in this couple may be rank and Lisa’s hyphenated name.

In their 17 months of matrimony, 1st Sgt. Jeff Couch and Staff Sgt. Lisa Boissoneau-Couch have spent more of their time caring for soldiers than they’ve spent caring for each other, and they’ve loved every bit of doing it as an Army couple.

“Having somebody who knows exactly where you’re coming from is one of the most rewarding aspects of being married to another soldier,” Jeff said in his Erwin, Tenn., drawl. “Somebody you can relate to, not just as a friend but professionally. To make a [company] successful, you got to have a good first sergeant, good drill sergeants, and good



Photo by Master Sgt. LaToya E. Sizer
Staff Sgt. Lisa Boissonneau-Couch, a former drill sergeant, and her husband 1st Sgt. Jeff Couch spend a few minutes reminiscing at MI Heritage Tree where they were married July 3, 1999. They visit the tree often to remind them where they made their vows.

communication. Lisa and I have been able to bounce things off each other, and I got somebody I trust. She understands.”

The Couches are one of 22,000 dual-military couples in the Army who face the many challenges of being full-time

soldiers, spouses and parents on a daily basis. But what makes their marriage even more challenging are the extra demands of being a first sergeant/drill sergeant couple that’s forced to give more time to their Army commitment than they can give to their relationship.

Days in the Couch home have started as early as 4:15 a.m., and ended as late as 8 p.m. since they wed July 3, 1999.

Jeff, who has 17 years of service under his belt, knew what he was getting himself into before he even thought about asking Lisa out nearly two years ago. But the demands of both jobs didn’t stop him from pursuing Lisa’s hand in marriage. The couple met shortly after Lisa graduated Drill Sergeant School in 1998.

“After six months as a drill sergeant, Jeff contacted the brigade sergeant major and my battalion sergeant major to see if it would be alright if he could ask me out on a date. The sergeants major were like my mom and dad,” Lisa said about Command Sergeants Major Gary A. Jones, 111th MI Brigade CSM, and Jacqueline Moate, former 305th MI Brigade CSM. Lisa knew nothing about Jeff’s plea beforehand, but she found out shortly after Jeff got the OK from both chains of command.

“When he asked me out, I said ‘I don’t know if that’s a good idea,’” Lisa continued. Jeff explained that he had already been given permission to date her, so she accepted his proposition. They dated, fell in love and several weeks later they became man and wife.

“Being married to Jeff is a lot of fun. It’s never a dull moment,” said Lisa, a Pawtucket, R.I., native. “In the IET world, all of your time is spent with soldiers. He’s an IET first sergeant, and I was an IET drill sergeant, so we had a lot in common.”

Having that much in common made it difficult to spend free time together, so the Couches opted for creative ways

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ISEC hosts conference focusing on technology integration

ISEC release

The Army’s leaders in system engineering and integration met at Fort Huachuca for an intense two-day conference emphasizing technology integration and planning for future business opportunities.

The U.S. Army Information Systems Engineering Command Commander’s and Directors’ Conference was held October 25-26 at the LakeSide Activity Centre. The conference gave ISEC, a subcommand of the Communications Electronics Command an internal look at ensuring a proper focus for the coming year.

ISEC’s primary mission is system engineering and integration of information systems for the U.S. Army, as well as providing technical and engineering support to the Pro-

gram Executive Office and Program Manager structure for systems engineering and integration of sustaining base, strategic, and power projection information systems.

In an outline of the schedule for the two-day conference, the emphasis was on technology information exchange, direction and planning for the future business opportunities for ISEC, and an internal look to ensure proper focus for the coming year.

Drawing the parallel between ISEC and private business, Col. John Deal, ISEC commander, stressed the need to grow, develop name recognition in the information systems field, and to draw upon the strength of technical expertise available within the ISEC organization.

Noting that ISEC’s retention rate is above

the norm, he commended the directors for fostering an excellent command climate. In a challenge to the directors to strive for performance goals in the coming year, Deal discussed opportunities to effectively market ISEC, and reminded everyone, “we don’t make the technology, we make it better.”

Briefings that were presented carried through on the theme of making technology better and showcased current work in progress across a wide spectrum of strategic and sustaining base information systems.

Modeling and Simulation technology dominated this portion of the command conference, with specific presentations delivering information on areas of M&S development such as Public Key Infrastructure (the technology behind the new Common Access Card adopted by the Department of Defense), security environments for communication systems, and modeling and simulation as a tool to test and evaluate new hardware/software systems before they are purchased. OPNET, the commercial simu-

lation tool at the heart of the M&S work at ISEC, played a key role in much of the discussion and presentations.

The conference ended with Lt. Gen. Peter CuvIELLO, director of information systems for Command, Control, Communication and Computers, and the Army’s Chief Information Officer discussing the future of the Army and ISEC’s role at the heart of much of the change.

“What you do is amazing,” he said, “and the challenges are daunting, because it’s more than just technology. The Army is in a time of total transition.” Although information technology may be the most pervasive thing in the Army today, according to CuvIELLO, “people are still your most important asset.”

He stressed that as agents of change and mentors, much can be done to help America’s youth understand the critical need for math, science, and technology. “That,” CuvIELLO stated, “will make the transition of the Army work — from head to foot.”

“We don’t make the technology, we make it better.”
Col. John Deal

Institute puts Army's heraldry in new beret flash

By Wayne V. Hall

Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — The Army flash, which will be worn on black berets in June, was designed through an intense process that sped up normal work deadlines, said Pam Reece at the U.S. Army Institute of Heraldry.

The institute's first meeting with Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley was Oct. 26, Reece said. Development of the flash was completed Nov. 23, in less than 30 days.

"The thing that was most amazing was a one-day turnaround on the creation of prototypes, which were presented to the SMA Oct. 27," Reece said.

Reece is responsible for working with all Army cloth items, such as insignia, flags and ribbons, at the Institute of Heraldry, located on Fort Belvoir, Va. As an industrial specialist, she also coordinates designs with manufacturers.

On Nov. 3, Army officials were confident on their design choice, however they still needed to come to a decision on the final color, Reece said.

On Nov. 7 she was told that Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki and Tilley wanted to see examples of the flash done in old glory blue, ultra-marine blue (the color of blue currently used in many airborne flashes) and blue-bird, said Reece. She then asked a manufacturer — Rainbow Embroidery of North Plainfield, N.J. — to develop these prototypes, which were delivered to the SMA on Nov. 9.

"This was amazing," she said. "Development of a flash normally takes three months; Rainbow did this development in three days."

"Great credit for increasing the speed of this process goes to Richard Rapoza, our artist who turned the design into something manufacturable," Reece added.

"I'm proud to have had a hand in it, working with the design and turning [Shinseki's] ideas into a product," said Rapoza who has been an illustrator with the Institute of Heraldry for eight years.

During the next large-group meeting, Nov. 17, the

flashes were shown to all the parties involved in this project.

"At that time, everybody was about 98-percent sure of the final flash," Reece said. "The Old Guard's replica colors were brought in to ensure that we in fact had the right color. And on Nov. 20 I got the answer — it would be blue-bird."

Each new flash is a semi-circular shield measuring 1 7/8 inches wide by 2 1/4 inch high, and will consist of 4,001 stitches and two colors. The flash is designed to closely replicate the flag of the commander in chief of the Continental Army at the time of its victory at Yorktown, Reece said.

"It's the CSA's choice and takes the Army back to its very beginning," said Reece, who has been with the Institute of Heraldry for 13 years.

"The 13 stars are significant of the original 13 colonies," Reece said. "I think it's really neat that they went back and took the colors of the Continental Army. If you want to go back and put some pride [back into the Army] you can't go back any further than that."

All soldiers will initially wear the universal flash, except for those in units that already have berets, such as Ranger, Airborne and Special Forces. These troops will continue to wear the beret flashes they currently have.

The new flash will be worn on the left front of the beret. Officers will wear their rank in the center of the shield, and enlisted soldiers will wear their distinctive unit insignia in the center of the shield.

The black berets which will initially be issued to soldiers will be shipped with the universal flash already sewn on them, Reece said.

Additionally, the universal flash will eventually be replaced by unit-specific flashes.

The universal flash is to be worn for a period of one year, Reece said. During that year, the Institute of Heraldry will be working with representatives of the Army's 16 major commands to design and develop distinctive flashes.

Just how far below MACOM level distinctive unit



flashes will be created has not yet been decided, said Reece.

For now, the Institute of Heraldry's part in flash development is finished.

"We've given 160 of the new flashes to the sergeant major of the Army, and the cartoon (a manufacturing-specifications diagram) has gone out to manufacturers from the Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia, which is responsible for procurement of the berets," Reece said. "Initially some four to five million berets are to be procured."

Flash recommendations not selected included a flash with a black background and yellow boarder, colors which are assumed to represent the Army's colors; one with a green background and yellow border, also colors associated with the Army; and the third design was much the same as the one selected, however with a darker "old glory blue" background.

Commentary — Rangers led the way to a black beret for all

By Warrant Officer 1 Alan Moore
Special to The Scout

A few Rangers might feel that some in the Army don't deserve to wear dog tags, much less the coveted black beret, which Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki has made the standard for all soldiers starting next summer.

Come the Army's birthday, when we first see common soldiers in a black beret, heads will turn no doubt.

The beret, after all, symbolizes a Ranger's unparalleled dedication and selfless commitment to the Army. It's a statement that Rangers, who epitomize the seven Army Values, unequivocally "lead the way."

Rangers, true to their motto, led the way to this controversial decision by owning up to the very creed that defines them. It is written in The Ranger Creed that a Ranger's

"courtesy to superior officers, neatness of dress, and care of equipment shall set the example for others to follow."

Mission complete.

What is so wrong with taking the very example that Rangers have established and making it the model of the modern soldier? Such an honor is hardly a "slap in the face," as some critics have characterized it, but rather a slap on the back from the Army's second highest-ranking general, who happens to be a Ranger himself.

Obviously, Rangers have impressed the Army Chief of Staff; he ordered that every soldier be fashioned in the Ranger image. The black beret, he said, will be a symbol of unity, excellence, and Army Values. For all soldiers who wear it, a higher standard is implied and expected.

Rangers don't necessarily disagree with the general's intent, but this directive has

caused somewhat of a rift in the Ranger community. Some don't mind the change; some vehemently oppose it.

Even some non-Ranger types have expressed apprehension. Such a divide in the ranks proves America's Army needs something like the black beret to unite its troops.

It could be argued that years of allowing special head gear and unit-level deviations of the uniform — all intended to recognize the "specialized" or the "elite," — defies the Army's goal of uniformity, distorts our battle focus and contradicts the "one Army" concept." It implies there are varying degrees, and thus, varying standards of being a soldier.

Perhaps Shinseki seeks to punctuate the soldiers' purpose and profile with the black beret. Esprit de corps cannot be issued, but it can be built, and a black beret for all is great basis from which to start. With a stroke of

the general's pen, America will have a grander image of modern soldiering. Anyone who dons a beret of any color should remember that, in the endeavor to "be all you can be," you are a soldier first. Therein should lie the true source of your Army pride.

Rangers, be graceful and learn how to take a compliment. Do what you are compelled to do — "lead the way" to the transformation of this magnificent Army. The common soldier will be all the more indebted to those who "earned" the black beret.

Besides you get right down to it, the only symbol attached to the uniform that matters is the one strategically placed over every soldier's heart — the one that says, "U.S. Army." Patches and badges and berets are subordinate to that.

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assisting the commander in identifying and correcting command problems; and acting as tools for two-way communication.

In accordance with the regulation, *The Fort Huachuca Scout* newspaper bases its news content on releases, reports and materials provided by the DA, subordinate commands, newspaper staff members (of which, I am the only one), and other government agencies.

External sources may include, but are not limited to, Army News Service (www.dtic.mil/armylink/news/), American Forces Information Service (www.defenselink.mil/news/) and command news releases.

Of all the resources available to me there was no mention of local or Army-wide commemorations of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. *The Fort Huachuca Scout* does not in any way consider the sacrifices of American servicemembers unimportant.

You may have noticed several stories the newspaper has run commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. Commemorations of significant historical events are most often recognized during a “round” year. I would be willing to bet that there will be significant attention paid to the anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor next year during the

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a top-of-the-line washer, but he or she can also watch TV from one of the many mounted television sets in the laundry room.

The game room includes two pool tables, two foosball tables, and many mounted televisions. The lounge area has a big-screen TV with surround sound, along with a DVD player.

If a soldier can’t find enough to do inside, he or she can use one of the three basketball courts, two volleyball courts, or try their luck with the horseshoe pit. There are also barbecue pits and picnic areas for

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to spend time together. For example, Jeff accompanied Lisa to the hospital when one of her soldiers was sick or injured, and Lisa went to the police station with Jeff to pick up one of his soldiers.

The Couches said they would sit together at both places and catch up on the day’s activities. These unfortunate situations turned into positive opportunities for them to communicate and spend extra time with each other.

“We support each other in everything,” said Jeff. “She’s very much into physical fitness,” and he supports Lisa by working out in the gym with her.

outdoor get-togethers. Sunset is not going to stop the fun, because the whole complex has energy-saving lights surrounding the courts and lining the paths around the buildings.

“This place is just like an apartment complex. The only thing missing is the swimming pool,” said Heinz Juengling, coordinator, single solder housing.

(At right) The Community Center is manned 24 hours a day and is now the location of the Garrison Staff Duty Office. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Julie Larsen)

“I don’t think I’ve met anyone in my life that I talk to more than I talk to Jeff. We drove from here to California talking. We have a good talking relationship. We go home and talk to each other so much, that we lose track of time.”

The key to being happily married soldiers in the Couches’ words is realizing how much the other person is worth.

“Always remember what they were the day you met them, and appreciate the time you spend together,” Lisa concluded.

Time has gotten better for the Couches and their ‘babies’ – 1-year-old Meatball, a

60th anniversary.

The Fort Huachuca Scout does not in any way participate in “bashing” Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, the Chief of Staff of the Army. News articles about his vision of the future Army are forwarded through official DA channels. Letters to the editor regarding Army policy are encouraged per AR 360-1 as a “tool of two-way communication.”

I believe the Army values will mean more to today’s young soldiers if their history lessons are combined with an exposure to contemporary leaders. I encourage you to watch the television special “How the Army Changed My Life,” starring Fort Huachuca’s own Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Green, currently airing on the Commanders’ Access Channel (Channel 97) at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.

I encourage you to continue reading *The Fort Huachuca Scout* and if there is something you’d like to see in the newspaper — make a suggestion or contribution. That’s exactly what the readers who called and asked me about the firewood cutting permits did and the newspaper responded with an article submitted by the post’s own Environmental and Natural Resources Division.

Angela Moncur
Editor, The Fort Huachuca Scout newspaper

State Dept. seeks students

EEO release

The U.S. Department of State is currently seeking talented and highly-motivated college sophomores who have achieved a grade point average of 3.2 or higher (on a 4.0 scale), and who are interested in pursuing international affairs careers by becoming Foreign Service Officers in the U.S. Department of State.

The department is looking for candidates who have performed well in their academic coursework and have participated in activities that attest to their leadership potential and involvement in their communities.

Women, members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, and students with financial need are encouraged to apply.

If selected for the program, fellows receive funding for tuition, living stipend (based on the institution’s room and board rate), mandatory fees, books, one round-trip travel during the junior and senior years of college, paid State Department summer internships in Washington and overseas, and fellowship support for master’s degrees in international affairs.

For more information, click on www.woodrow.org.



Having somebody who knows exactly where you’re coming from is one of the most rewarding aspects of being married to another soldier. Somebody you can relate to, not just as a friend, but professionally. Lisa and I have been able to bounce things off each other, and I got somebody I trust.’

1st Sgt. Jeff Couch

black labrador, and Max, a 4-month-old golden retriever mix. Lisa recently completed her drill sergeant term and now evaluates training programs throughout the 111th MI Brigade. Jeff is still the Top Dog at Company A, 305th MI BN.